

Remarks

Applicant has reviewed and considered the restriction requirement of the Office Action dated 10 September 2003. Claims 1, 16, and 30 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added. As a result, claims 1-30 are now pending in this application. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced. The amendments are made to clarify the claims and are not intended to limit the scope of equivalents to which any claim element may be entitled. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the above-identified application.

Restriction Requirement

Applicant has elected species 11 (Figs. 11 and 12) without traverse, and has amended claims 1, 16 and 30. Applicant has amended claims 1, 16 and 30, and believes claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 30 read on the elected species. Since claims 3, 4, 8-14 depend on claim 1, claim 1 is generic to these claims. Since claims 19 and 23-29 depend on claim 16, claim 16 is generic to these claims.

Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce one or more other species, and to have them considered if and when a generic claim is held to be patentable.

Applicant also reserves the right to reintroduce non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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